

Preliminary Amendment
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and were not done to overcome the prior art, rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, or any other rejections or objections. Furthermore, the cancellations that are described in the first sentence of this paragraph shall not be considered necessary to overcome the prior art, rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, or any other rejections or objections.

The Applicants reserve the right to seek protection for any cancelled or unclaimed subject matter either subsequently in the prosecution of the present case or in a divisional or continuation application.

It is submitted that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance. Allowance of the application at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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